IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s):	HINE et al.)	Group Art Unit:	3762
Serial No.:	10/646,545)	Examiner:	Alyssa M. Alter
Confirmation	No.: 9714)		
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For:	MEDICAL LEAD CONNEC	CTOR S	YSTEMS WITH A	ADAPTERS (as amended)

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of August 18, 2009 and in conjunction with the Request for Continued Examination filed on even date herewith, please consider the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on the page entitled "Amendments to the Claims."

Remarks begin on the page entitled "Remarks."